Hadith about lizard Dabba Uromastyx Rasullullah not eating it

1. Uromastyx

2. Uromastyx is a genus of African and Asian agamid lizard whose members are better-known as spiny-tailed lizards, uromastyces, mastigures, or dabb lizards. Uromastyx are primarily herbivorous, but occasionally eat insects, especially when young. Wikipedia

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4. **Scientific name:** Uromastyx
5. **Rank:** Genus
6. **Higher classification:** Uromasticinae
7. **Lower classifications:** Uromastyx alfredschmidti, Uromastyx geyri, Princely Mastigure

Two Hadeeth in Musnad of Ahmad bin Hanbul (Hadeeth numbers 16209 and 16210): Khalid bin Valeed entered with Rasoollullah the house of Maymoonah bint Al-Haarith Aunt (Puphee) of Rasoollullah—then they brought some meat of Dabb (land lizard) to Rasoollullah which had been brought by Ummu Hufaid bint Al-Haarith from Najd and she was under (married to) a person from Bani Jaafar—and Rasoollullah Sallallahu alaihi wasalam did not use to eat (it was not habit to eat something) until he knew what it was: So some of the ladies of the house said, Shall we not inform him what meat it was (that was being presented to him) that he was about to eat: So they informed him that it was meat of Dabba (land Lizard): So he left it (meaning, did not eat it). Then Khalid (bin Valeed) said, I asked him: Is it Haraam, this (meat)?

He (Rasoollullah sallallahu alaihi wassalam said: No, but it is not the food of our people so I would rather be excused (not eat it). So Khalid bin said, He (Rasoollullah) passed it on to me, and I ate it, and he was watching me (looking at me eating it).

16209قَالَ حَدَّثَنَا يَعْقُوبُ بْنُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ، قَالَ أَخْبَرَنَا أَبِي، عَنْ صَالِحِ بْنِ كَيْسَانَ، وَحَدَّثَ ابْنُ شِهَابٍ، عَنْ أَبِي أُمَامَةَ بْنِ سَهْلٍ، عَنِ ابْنِ عَبَّاسٍ، أَنَّهُ أَخْبَرَهُ أَنَّ خَالِدَ بْنَ الْوَلِيدِ أَخْبَرَهُ أَنَّهُ، دَخَلَ مَعَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ عَلَى مَيْمُونَةَ بِنْتِ الْحَارِثِ وَهِيَ خَالَتُهُ فَقَدَّمَتْ إِلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ لَحْمَ ضَبٍّ جَاءَتْ بِهِ أُمُّ حُفَيْدٍ بِنْتُ الْحَارِثِ مِنْ نَجْدٍ وَكَانَتْ تَحْتَ رَجُلٍ مِنْ بَنِي جَعْفَرٍ وَكَانَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ لَا يَأْكُلُ شَيْئًا حَتَّى يَعْلَمَ مَا هُوَ فَقَالَ بَعْضُ النِّسْوَةِ أَلَا تُخْبِرْنَ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ

وَسَلَّمَ مَا يَأْكُلُ فَأَخْبَرْنَهُ أَنَّهُ لَحْمُ ضَبٍّ فَتَرَكَهُ فَقَالَ خَالِدٌ سَأَلْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ أَحَرَامٌ هُوَ قَالَ لَا وَلَكِنَّهُ طَعَامٌ لَيْسَ فِي قَوْمِي فَأَجِدُنِي أَعَافُهُ قَالَ خَالِدٌ فَاجْتَرَرْتُهُ إِلَيَّ فَأَكَلْتُهُ وَرَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَنْظُرُ قَالَ ابْنُ شِهَابٍ وَحَدَّثَهُ الْأَصَمُّ يَعْنِي يَزِيدَ بْنَ الْأَصَمِّ عَنْ مَيْمُونَةَ وَكَانَ فِي حَجْرِهَا.

16210حَدَّثَنَا رَوْحٌ، حَدَّثَنَا مَالِكٌ، عَنِ ابْنِ شِهَابٍ، عَنْ أَبِي أُمَامَةَ بْنِ سَهْلٍ، عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ عَبَّاسٍ، وَخَالِدِ بْنِ الْوَلِيدِ، أَنَّهُمَا دَخَلَا مَعَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ بَيْتَ مَيْمُونَةَ فَأُتِيَ بِضَبٍّ مَحْنُوذٍ فَأَهْوَى إِلَيْهِ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَقَالَ بَعْضُ النِّسْوَةِ أَخْبِرُوا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ مَا يُرِيدُ أَنْ يَأْكُلَ فَقَالُوا هُوَ ضَبٌّ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ فَرَفَعَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَدَهُ فَقُلْتُ أَحَرَامٌ هُوَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ قَالَ لَا وَلَكِنْ لَمْ يَكُنْ بِأَرْضِ قَوْمِي فَأَجِدُنِي أَعَافُهُ قَالَ خَالِدٌ فَاجْتَرَرْتُهُ فَأَكَلْتُهُ وَرَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَنْظُرُ.

The next narration (16210) : says Abdullah ibn Abbas and Khalid bin Waleed. Both of them entered with Rasoollullah the house of Maymoonah, then Dabb (Mahnoozun: roasted on hot stones) was brought to Rasoollullah to be eaten. Then some of the ladies said: inform Rasoollullah what he was about to eat: then they informed him saying: it is Dabb ya Rasoollullah, . Then he raised his hand (that is took away his hand—rafa'a Rasoollulluah alaihi wassalam yadahu (his hand)). Then I said, is it Haram Ya Rasoollullah, He said: no, but it is not in the land of my people (qaumi): So I would rather let it go (ajudni a'aafuhu' (same words as in the above Hadith…

Then Khalid said. He passed it on to me, and I ate it, and Rasoollullah was looking at me. .. Yandhur… same words – as in above.

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Our standing will be that because Rasoollullah sallahu alaihi wassalam did not eat it – as his people did not eat it—as it was not eaten in their land—we Muslims will also not eat it as it is not eaten by our Muslim brethren in our land. Non Muslim Hindu Shikaris (hunters) eat this Ggoha (ضب ،گوہ)

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